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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23,25,26,28-31,33 and 34 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 24,27 and 32 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23,25,26,28-31,33 and 34 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1 – 34 have been presented for examination. Claims 24, 27 and 32 have been canceled; claims 1, 3, 5, 12, 16 and 18 have been amended in an amendment filed on 10/25/2004.

Election / Restrictions

2. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct claimed inventions. Restriction to one of the following invention is required under 35 U.S.C 121:

- I. Claims 1 – 5, 12 – 19 and 25 – 26 drawn to the overall computer / network security system, in general, classified in class 713, subclass 200.
- II. Claims 6 – 11 drawn to mutual entity authentication in a computer security system, classified in class 713, subclass 169.
- III. Claims 20 – 23, 28 – 31 and 33 – 34 drawn to user-to-user key distributed over data link in a computer / network security system, classified in class 380, subclass 283.

3. Inventions I, II and III are related as subcombination disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. The following case instants:

Invention II has separate utility such as mutual entity authentications between key module, communication device and terminal device integrated at a single node associated with a wireless network.

Invention III, user-to-user (or node-to-node) data encryption key distributed over data link (including public key and common master key) between different nodes (or users) within a wireless network.

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purpose as indicated is proper.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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